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Congratulations to **Streets employee Owen Venable** and his co-workers who assisted the Franklin Police Department apprehend a burglary suspect! Owen came across the suspect as he was walking in the cold between Franklin and the neighboring Thompson's Station community. Unaware that he was a burglary suspect, the Owen stopped and offered him a ride to a warm place to call for help. Once at the Street Department, a few short doors down from the scene of the crime, Owen's colleagues alerted him that detectives were investigating a nearby burglary and called police. See the story featured on WSMV <http://www.wsmv.com/williamson/26456872/detail.html>

**Engineering Director Eric Gardner has won the title of Outstanding Young Civil Engineer in the Public Sector by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).** Eric was nominated by the Nashville Branch of the ASCE. Eric was selected for his education, continuing professional development, his ASCE activities, his other professional and technical society activities and his Civic and Humanitarian activities.

City of Franklin Police Detective Becky Johnson, was featured in the media in the last few days. **Johnson was Honored with 3 Awards in 2010 for Protecting Franklin Children and Families.** We are honored to have Detective Johnson on our City team. Read more about her on FOX news [See more on Fox 17's Tennessee Mornings](http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110111/WILLIAMSON0702/101110301/2030/WILLIAMS-ON/Take+a+Bow++Detective+shows+her+heart+is+with+kids) and the Tennessean <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110111/WILLIAMSON0702/101110301/2030/WILLIAMS-ON/Take+a+Bow++Detective+shows+her+heart+is+with+kids>

The **Franklin Fire Department** is accepting applications for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizens' Fire Academy, which will take place March 31 through May 19**. During the eight-week program that includes both classroom and hands-on training, participants learn how to operate hose lines and other fire equipment, perform vehicle extrication and search and rescue operations, learn CPR, and ride in a platform at the top of a ladder truck. Live firefighting is the course finale, where participants use all of the knowledge and skills they've learned to extinguish fires and get everyone out of the building safely. On the live firefighting night, Franklin Firefighters are stationed throughout the burn tower to operate the live fire props and assist the participants. Check out more details at [www.franklintn.gov](http://www.franklintn.gov)

Don't forget, Monday is a holiday, **Martin Luther King Day**, and **City offices will be closed**. Enjoy **your January Day off!** Thanks to those who will be working on the holiday.

In honor of the MLK holiday, the first person to complete this Martin Luther King quote and send it back to me will get a City of Franklin Hat.

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."*

Thanks for all you do!

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